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Bob Thayer came to see me this morning to discuss his personal plans with me.

Mr. Bombassei called to advise me that the Italian Government had decided to accept the protocols unconditionally. He said [redacted] his -- Government would be opposed to any additional protocols in case the French should offer them, and wanted to know what view our Government would take of such an action. I told him [redacted] we too would be [redacted] opposed to it.

Walter Millis of the New York Herald-Tribune came in and we had a long talk about the various European unity movements. Afterwards I had a similar conversation with Raymond Brand of the St. Louis Post Dispatch.

Charles Glenn of Baltimore, with a letter of introduction from Bill Mitchell of Atlanta, came to see me. He had come to Paris as a consulting engineer in connection with some large French construction work. To my surprise and pleasure, he turned out to be a nephew of my godmother, Mrs. Charles Biddle, who died two years ago.

John Hughes had a long talk with me tonight regarding the acceptance of a position that has been offered to him, namely to replace Bill Draper. I strongly urged him to accept it. He would be an excellent appointment. During our years together in OSS he did a superb job. The whole thing is rather embarrassing for him for he has ~~been invited to attend all the~~ NATO meetings as a representative of the Jackson Committee on the reorganization of information facilities. With the exception of Messrs. Dulles, Stassen and Draper, no one has been told what is in view for him and it is beginning to be suspected.

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